

# State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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**Inspection Report** Minerals Regulatory Program September 22, 2009

Reviewed:

Mine Name: Eagle Canyon Permit number: M/015/0050 Operator Name: Georgia Pacific Inspection Date: July 7, 2009 Time: 2:00-2:20 PM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker Other Participants: None

Mine Status: Reclaimed

Weather: Clear, 90s, windy

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
<ol> <li>Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds, Permit Fees</li> <li>Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)</li> <li>Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control</li> <li>Deleterious Material</li> <li>Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)</li> <li>Concurrent Reclamation</li> <li>Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)</li> </ol>			
8. Soils 9. Revegetation 10. Other			

## **Purpose of Inspection:**

This site was reclaimed last year, and I wanted to see how vegetation was progressing.

### **Inspection Summary:**

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds, Permit Fees

The Division holds a reclamation surety in the amount of \$157,700.00. It is in the form of a letter of credit issued by Bank of America. The permit fee has been aid for 2009-2010.

On March 30, 2009, the Division received a letter from the Bank of America changing the permit number on the letter of credit. On April 6, 2009, the Division responded to the Bank of America rejecting the change.

## 9. Revegetation

I was able to find some Indian ricegrass, fourwing saltbush, and snakeweed but not a real lot. The vegetation that was growing prior to reclamation and not disturbed continues to do well. There is some halogeton but not too much.

Below the surface crust, the soil was not overly compact or hard.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Division and the operator need to continue monitoring the site for revegetation success. The operator did a very good job regrading this site and leaving it rough, and I was disappointed how little vegetation there was.

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Inspector's Signature

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visible in this photo, but there are not many.

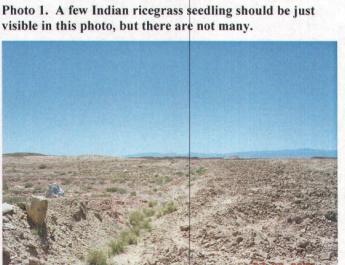


Photo 2. Contrast between an area that was regraded and an area that was not re-disturbed.



Photo 3. An overview of part of the regraded area.